In the Specification

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 9 – 17 with the following paragraph:

In figure 4B, there is shown an alternative vent device 118 comprising a stepped cylindrical body 136 and a separate vent projection 143, i. e. the vent projection is not integral with the stepped cylindrical body as in the vent device of figure 4A. In this embodiment, the one way valve 150 is provided in the vent projection. It will be appreciated that, as in the case of the vent device shown in figure 4A, to fit bottles having different diameter rims, it is necessary to select a vent device having a body with an appropriate diameter. However, in the embodiment of figure 4B, the same vent projection can be used regardless of the diameter of the stepped cylindrical body. Vent path 140 and vent aperture 144 are also shown.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 26 – 32 with the following paragraph:

In another embodiment, the teat and the vent device can be integrated, and therefore supplied as a separate subassembly for insertion between the bottle and the collar. By integrating the vent device and the teat there is a reduction in the number of components, and hence assembly costs. Furthermore, the seal between the teat and the vent device is no longer reliant on tightening up the collar. Such an integrated subassembly 270 is shown in figures 5 and 6, where it can be seen that the vent device 218 and teat 214 are combined. Vent aperture 244 is also shown. Such a one-piece component is easier to sterilise since the surface area is reduced.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner replace the paragraph on page 13, lines 4 – 8 with the following paragraph:

The bottle 512 is cylindrical and includes a neck 534 ~~520~~, the neck having a bottle threaded portion 522 of diameter D1 and a rim 523. The bottle 512 defines a chamber 513 which receives fluid, for example water (not shown). Any fluid can be used, including carbonated liquids.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner replace the paragraph on page 17, lines 4 – 7 with the following paragraph:

Referring to figure 13 the vent device 718 is arranged onto the bottle 712 such that the bottom surface 735 of the first cylinder 738 contacts the bottle rim 723, and the second cylinder 748 extends into the neck 720 of the bottle. The stepped profile of the vent device 718 enables easy location onto the bottle rim 723. The stepped profile of the vent device is defined by a first stepped portion 760 for locating on a neck of the bottle, and a second stepped portion 761 for locating in the neck of the bottle.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner replace the paragraph on page 18, lines 9 – 14 with the following paragraph:

Device 918 is shown in figures 17 and 18 and is a substantially similar to device 818 except that it is of a two piece construction. Device 918 comprise a rigid plastic outer ring 949 and a silicon rubber central section 953. Ring 949 forms most of the first cylinder ~~938~~, and section 953 forms all of second cylinder ~~948~~, and flexible seal ~~951~~ 958. Section 953

sealably fits into ring 949 so that the device 918 in situ works in the same manner as device 818.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner replace the paragraph on page 18, lines 16 – 22 with the following paragraph:

A further advantage of vent devices 718, 818 and 918 is that the teat 714, 814, 914 can be inverted into the bottle 712, 812, 912 with the vent unit 718, 818, 918 in situ. In Figure ~~18~~ 19 this is shown with vent device 814. In this figure a blanking cap 813 and collar 816 are foxed to the top of the bottle 812 providing a good seal against leakages and a smaller overall unit for storage. With known bottles teat inversion in storage relies on a top dome cap which frequently leaks when the push fit dome cap is dislodged.

Finally, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner replace the paragraph on page 18, lines 24 – 27 with the following paragraph:

As an alternative to the embodiments shown in figures 13 to 18, devices, need not have an inlet 746, 846 or 946. Instead the vent path can be defined by a similarly shaped groove on the rim 723 of the bottle. Examples of possible shapes of such inlets, and grooves are shown in Figures ~~19~~ 20 a, b, c and d.